

CIA CAREER SERVICE BOARD

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MR. WOLF: All right, Sir, well, let it stand at that. The next item is the "Basic Intelligence Training, dated 23 December 1952, (attached); for action, i.e., approval of proposed CIA Regulation."

25X1A9a MR. [REDACTED] There are an awful lot of words in there.

MR. WOLF: I read it late last night, and I am not sure that I remember all of that.

COLONEL BAIRD: This is very brief . . . the real regulation . . .

25X1A9a MR. [REDACTED] Single spaced . . . hundreds of words.

COLONEL BAIRD: You reduce it. I might say there have been two recommended changes, Mr. Chairman.

MR. WOLF: Yes.

COLONEL BAIRD: I might say there have been two recommended changes, Mr. Chairman.

MR. WOLF: Yes.

COLONEL BAIRD: One by the DD/I in B. (5) that "all requests for exemptions shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Training" and where applicable to the provisions of C. (1) (d) of this Regulation. It is spelled out once, and this just says it refers to it.

25X1A9a MR. [REDACTED] Yes.

COLONEL BAIRD: Then the Office of Personnel under E. (1) wishes to add that "if the EOD date of such personnel does not permit direct processing into the basic intelligence course, such personnel may be assigned to

temporary duty in the sponsoring office pending the beginning of the next basic intelligence course if agreed upon by the Assistant Director of Personnel and the appropriate office head."

MR. AMORY: Isn't that pretty academic because they won't be TS cleared?

COLONEL BAIRD: They would do that anyhow. This just spells it out of what we expected them to do.

MR. AMORY: How does this fit with the new rule of the Director or somebody that no training funds can be expended for somebody who is only provisionally cleared?

COLONEL BAIRD: That is outside the Agency . . . outside Agency training are provisionally cleared.

MR. AMORY: How is that consistent with that?

COLONEL BAIRD: These people have Secret clearance basic training and will have Top Secret clearance before they get out of the training of six weeks.

MR. WOLF: This whole question of provisional clearances is one of our most difficult based on a complete security analysis that we had [REDACTED] do. He has recommended, and the Director has tentatively approved, that there be no provisional clearances. That has not been finalized yet. Dick and Eric, that is the one remaining part of the [REDACTED] report that we have not gone back to the Director for finalization on. The other is apparently I gather all being worked out all right. We are going to ask the Director definitely to reverse his opinion in so far as clerical personnel are concerned. The balance of the report -- I can't recall exactly how it is stated -- indicates that no provisional clearance shall be given in effect except for a most unusual reason where there is a chance that we cannot hold the person without that provisional, but we have been too loose about it.

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We have been much too loose. We have been giving provisional clearances here, there, and elsewhere all over the Agency. I think there were 14 or 18 last month which I am having an analysis made of to see where they were, who got them through, and what they are doing. Nothing is final about this thing yet.

MR. AMORY: I would just appreciate it if we get a chance in the DD/I side to talk to you or the Director.

MR. WOLF: I wonder if it would be satisfactory if I could refresh my recollection from the report and paper, and before anything is finalized I would be only too glad to sit down with you, or Lofty, or anyone else.

MR. AMORY: The simple problem is no field investigation can be made without disclosing to an employer there is a change of job, and a great many people don't want to get themselves in that spot with the bank, or university, or where they are, and there ought to be some way you can protect them so they can burn their bridges and come with us. If they aren't cleared that gives us that problem, but after all the same thing is true if you approach them and they are not cleared. You have 90% of the headache whether they are not cleared. Make very clear it is for training purposes.

MR. WOLF: I can't agree with you on that. It depends on how they are approached, and who talks to them, and what is said to them, and I think that again it may be outside of our bailiwick, but we have gotten into terrible trouble by virtually making commitments to people whom we thought we wanted and whom we can't take in.

MR. AMORY: The same thing is true about the PG . . . I mean, if everything is true and then the guy goes down and has this little chat and

skeletons in his closet rattle. Then you have the embarrassment . . . I am disgressing. I am just glad to hear that it hasn't been all buttoned up.

MR. WOLF: It isn't completely finalized, but I will be very glad to take that up and discuss it. The problem we have now is the recommendation of this regulation on this basic training, and I don't know that there is any objection to it other than these amendments that have been suggested.

COLONEL BAIRD: They are the only two suggestions.

MR. WOLF: Is there any other?

MR. AMORY: I might say for the record here that I think the procedure of the Office of Training in going about this thing is an excellent case of relations, at least on our side of the office. We are given a maximum chance to get in at the early stages of the thing, and I am very appreciative to Matt the way this thing was brought about.

MR. WOLF: May I assume then unless there is some objection we are prepared to recommend the approval of this recommendation?

[REDACTED] I move we approve it.

MR. WOLF: If there is no objection we will consider it approved.

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